

LIVE POLITICAL TOPICS.

Some Facts and Bits of Crisp Gossip Gathered From Chats With Politicians.

Lee Mantle Seems to Have One Senatorship and Dogberry the Other.

The Senate was Not Honored Yesterday by the Presence of the Democratic Members.

It is reported that the rump and the republican senators will meet on Tuesday to elect United States senators. Of course this would be in defiance of the law, but that makes no difference. Defiance of the laws of justice has become so common with the republican conspirators and their henchmen that they laugh at a man when he talks about the law. When Rickards can play with the constitution the lesser lights feel perfectly safe in thrusting aside the statutes of Montana.

The talk about a near joint session between the rump and senators has caused a revival of the gossip concerning the republican senatorial candidates. Lee Mantle came over from Butte Friday for the ostensible purpose of attending the reception of the Montana club. His time, however, was given to a careful examination of the fences. Any pipe that he could lay in addition was laid. He is reported to be very confident of carrying away one of the senatorships and to "man up a tree" if he looks as though his confidence was very well grounded. One of his enthusiastic supporters remarked last evening that Lee would be a likely candidate for president in a few years. "You mean president of the Brazilian republic," replied a demure standing near. "Well, I don't know about that," said another bystander. Mantle has ambition and nerve enough to carry him as far as these two requisites will carry any politician. Why, if that man ever gets to heaven it will not surprise me to learn that he asked the Lord to resign in his favor. But joking aside, Mantle will certainly get one of these republican senatorships. There is more speculation on other candidates. After all the protests from the east, kicks from the west and howls from republicans in all quarters, old Dogberry Carpenter is still in the ring with promising chances of winning the east side plum. He was around the hotel lobbies last evening securing his usual blood and nob nobbing with men likely to assist him into the senate. Hersfield is hopelessly left; Tom Power is out of sight; Sanders is on the edge of the breasting works, so what is to prevent Aunt Nancy Carpenter from catching at the delusive hope of conspiracy. There is some talk about ex-Governor White, who is regarded as a dark horse. White's chances are greatly weakened by his inflammatory talk concerning the organization of the senate if he were lieutenant governor. He succeeded in causing great disgust among the more conservative republicans.

Representative Peter Brown belongs to the solid democratic delegation from Jefferson county. He is an interested observer of the labor question, and will take active measures to bring about legislation on that subject. The other day he gave notice of his intention to introduce a bill for the protection of discharged workmen, and especially to prevent black-listing. He keeps close watch of the proceedings of the house while in session. During recess Mr. Brown is usually the central figure in a gathering of jokers. His dry wit, mingled with a touch of the emerald brogue, keeps a smile on the face of his listeners. Mr. Brown always wears a blue flannel shirt, and he is the only member of the house with a decided fancy for that article of garment. He is thoroughly posted on Montana politics, for he belongs to the Andrew Jackson school of democracy.

Senator Brown is suffering from neuralgia. He is confined to his bed at the Merchants hotel and may remain there for several days to come. He is constantly attended by his wife, who arrived in the city a few days ago. The senator has been out of his head part of the time. It is said that during one of these spells he called on his republican brethren of the senate to stop before they reached the brink. This was before the lieutenant governor made his remarkable ruling.

The democratic senators were not present when the roll was called in the senate yesterday morning. Some of them had more important business elsewhere, others had engagements that could not be very well excused. It would not be surprising if the situation remained unchanged for several days. After the roll had been called with all the republican present, except Brown, Chaplain Berry asked that the names of the absent members be sent down to the senate. The minutes were then read, after which it was announced that rump bill No. 1 had been brought to the attention of the senate. It was referred to the committee on printing. The senate then adjourned until Monday at 6 o'clock. Fisher was restless over the absence of the democratic senators, but he had to stand it.

The other evening a few veteran politicians were talking about the late campaign, mentioning among other things various experiences that had been met with on the stump. The conversation then turned to campaign speeches in general. One of the gentlemen talked to the effect that the audience on "vital issues of the day." In the course of the gossip one of them said: "The first campaign speech I ever made was in a good sized Indian town. I had studied the subject until I had reached the conclusion that there was nothing new for me to learn about the issues of the day. I had practiced every posture and knew just when to place the proper emphasis on every part of the speech. I had fully made up my mind that that talk would land me a state reputation, and perhaps land me in the legislature, though I was barely twenty-one years old. It was an afternoon meeting, and when the hour came I was promptly on hand dressed in a tight fitting Prince Albert coat with a rose in the button hole. A large audience was present, all anxious to hear the young orator's maiden effort. Everything started off fine. The old chairman made a neat speech introducing the orator of the day and I got up to speak. There was one thing he had not arranged for. That was the time when I was to say, 'Of course there is a parade and I had hardly reached the second climax of my speech before the blare of the trumpet and the red band wagon came round the corner of the street. Well, you ought to have seen that audience jump for the windows and sidewalks. I continued for a moment, shaking the American eagle with one hand in the air until the situation dawned upon me; then I joined the crowd and saw the parade. I had no interest in it, however, and when it finally passed after a half hour's wait the enthusiasm had completely left me. Yes, the speech went on, but was a tiresome, dull affair. The audience began sneaking away one at a time, and when I finished only the chairman was left and he was asleep. It was five years before I made another political speech."

RUMPS TAKE A REST.
The Republicans in a Rush to Bailot for Senators.
After the sudden rush of business of the past few days the rumpers down in the Granite block concluded to take a rest and

get in trim for the holidays. Visions of turkey and the other good things in store have, for a time, drawn their minds away from the field of politics. They were at the hall yesterday morning in time for prayers and to hear the journal read. In a few minutes a motion to adjourn until 2 p. m. Monday was carried. There does not seem to be much chance of any great amount of business being done until after Christmas. When the holidays are over they will have their hands full. There is not one of them who has not in view some sort of legislation which he wants to get on the statute books of the state. Now that they think everything is going their way, the rest of the session promises to be a busy one if they can get their bills through the senate. Of this, however, they do not seem to be very confident. Then they have the senatorial business on their minds and under the federal law they cannot proceed to ballot for senators until a week from next Tuesday. Having trampled on the constitution and overridden the law, it will be in keeping with their past action if they attempt to brush aside the federal law in their eagerness to send two men down to Washington knocking for admittance at the senate doors.

The Journal Store, headquarters for holiday goods, 111 N. Main street, will be open today from 9 to 4 o'clock p. m.

Don't fail to go to the Crystal restaurant for a first-class dinner. Grand street.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

What to Give and Where It May be Found for the Least Money.

Before exhausting your Christmas gift money don't fail to inspect the stock of goods at Calkins & Featherly's. In the line of ornamental goods their stock cannot be surpassed in this city. In the line of art their array is a bewildering studio of all that can attract an eye to appreciation of the beautiful. The newest thing in stock are some handsome and unique etchings. An investment of from \$10 up to \$75 can be made in this line of pictures. The artists' proof etchings on parchment are particularly choice. Of oil paintings, water colors and engravings there is a splendid selection. Their line of plush goods, toilet sets, etc., is very complete. Then if you wish to purchase a fine album or some fine gift book by the most prominent authors of the day, they can show you an excellent stock.

Toys are a necessity to the buyer of Christmas presents, whose friends and relatives offer them an array of children to make happy on that day, even if you have no "little ones at home," especially your own paternal protection. The store of Calkins & Featherly is a wonderland of toys, a very universe of the cunning product of those skilled makers of childhood's pleasures whose yearly toil reaps its harvest at Christmas time. It would be impossible to cover the subject of prices and articles coming under this head. The only way to treat the line of goods carried by this firm in every department, is that anything the heart of a child, a wife, sweetheart, heart, brother, mother or father, could wish for is now on sale by Calkins & Featherly.

The Crystal restaurant takes the lead for good accommodations. Grand street.

Dry perfumes at The Paynter Drug Co.

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REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

A Large Number of Transfers Filed Yesterday.

The following are the real estate transfers filed yesterday with the clerk and recorded:

George Seymer to Frank Langford, lots 7, 8 and 9, block 13, Seymour Park, \$250
Charles W. Turner et al. to Neal Armstrong, lots 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, block 1, lot 69, block 20, Lewis and Clarke county
F. Depledges to Joseph W. Baldwin, lot 12, block 5, Depot addition \$100
John F. Nelson to David Merritt, a interest in North Star quartz lode, claim
George H. Pratt, trustee, et al. to Cornelia Campbell, lot 19, block 2, Flower garden addition \$75
T. C. Power and wife to Weisenborn Manufacturing Co., lots 4 and 5, block 13, Central addition
George Harrington to Thomas Jenkins, a interest in the Max quartz lode, mining claim
Thomas Jenkins to Thomas Paul, an undivided one-fourth interest in the Mac quartz lode, mining claim \$100
T. H. Kleinschmidt to trustees of First German Lutheran church, lots 1 and 2, block 45, Helena town \$750
Peter Spangson et al. to Theodore H. Kleinschmidt, lots 1 and 2, block 45, Helena town \$1

Bright's Artist's Brushes at The Paynter Drug Co.

Just received Fresh Sacklet Powders at The Paynter Drug Co.

The store rooms of the Journal Publishing Co. were thronged all week from morning until night. The people have discovered the right place for holiday goods at reasonable prices. This reduction sale will continue until Christmas eve.

Prescriptions correctly dispensed at The Paynter Drug Co.

Artist's Brushes and Tube Colors sent by mail. Address The Paynter Drug Co.

Announcements.
On Monday evening Daniel Bandmann and a superb company of actors will inaugurate a week's engagement at Ming's opera house. Mr. Bandmann promises to give a series of rare dramatic performances. His engagement will undoubtedly be the feature of the theatrical season in this city.

Notice to Shippers.
A through refrigerator car on the Manitoba and Montana Central railways leaves St. Paul every Thursday. Shippers of perishable freights should notice this fact and govern themselves accordingly.

R. H. LANGLEY,
General Freight Agent.

Drums! Drums! Drums! at The Bee Hive.

Notice of Removal.

Drs. Bacon & Haight have removed to their spacious parlors, rooms 1, 2, 3 and 4 Broadway building, corner Sixth avenue and Main street.

Let everybody remember that the very choicest Christmas gifts can be bought at the Bijou Clear Store directly opposite Grand Central hotel. The finest brands of cigars, clear and cigarette holders and cases, tobacco, and other choice novelties, and pipes, and so elegant line of the latest styles of cases, all at the lowest possible prices.

Lela Pitt for the toilet at The Paynter Drug Co.

Mary Stuart and Wild Olive, Tycoon and May Belle, Four Roses, Kalamath and Edenia, Lubin's Jockey club and Atkinson's White Rose, Edenia and Gipsy Lily Perfumes at The Paynter Drug Co.

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The best bargains in Missoula acre property are offered by White, Johnstone & Co., Room 5, Union Block.

\$125.00 buys a fine 40 foot lot in Missoula. WHITE, JOHNSTONE & CO.

Don't miss the great sale of silk handkerchiefs which will be sold for 3c each at Fowles' Cash store on Monday and Tuesday.

HELENA REAL ESTATE.

A Review of the Situation From a Practical Stand-point.

The Solid Foundation Upon Which Our Prosperity is Based.

Prices Here and Elsewhere—Sales Made and Buildings to Be Erected Shortly.

If there is anything in the signs of the times, next season will be an exceptional one, not only in real estate, but in all classes of business. People posted in these matters are sanguine and enthusiastic. There is so much in Montana to attract the attention of eastern capital; its youth, vigor and energy and immense resources are becoming so well known that a feeling of confidence and security has been established which is designed to last. And this is as it should be. No one possessing a knowledge of the country can fail to be impressed with feelings of admiration for the beautiful mountain scenery and the mild and equable climate; the great expanse of grazing lands covered with thousands of cattle; the broad valleys, whose rich alluvial soils produce phenomenal harvests of all kinds that can be raised in a temperate zone; great forests of pine and thousands of streams and rivers. And this feeling of admiration is raised to astonishment when the mining resources of Montana are thoroughly understood and it is known upon what a solid foundation her prosperity rests. Then it is no wonder that those engaged in expanding, building and enhancing the value of our cities and towns should feel enthusiastic over the situation, for these feelings are only the result born of knowledge and experience which the future of Montana will fully justify.

Real estate transactions during the past week have been considerable and, compared with ruling prices in outside towns, property in this city is cheap. In White Sulphur Springs, for instance, no property is offered except by individual holders, and a single lot on Main street was sold a few days ago for \$1,000. The Springs property is held by a syndicate which has withdrawn all its property from the market, expecting a rise in value when a railroad reaches the town.

While no heavy transactions have taken place during the past week, quite a number of transfers have been made in the numerous additions to this city, and a great deal of property has been shown to prospective purchasers, and the chances for some big sales next week are good. On the east side, south of Broadway, a good bargain has been offered in acre tracts to Denver parties, which, if consummated, will be the means of enhancing the value of all property in that part of the city. A. J. Steele & Co. made a number of sales during the week, among them being a 150-foot lot in the Hauser addition for \$4,500. The purchaser intends to build in the spring the largest and one of the finest residences in the city, using for the purpose some of the fine building stone from the neighborhood of Great Falls. The same firm also sold a lot in the Broadway addition for \$1,500. A sale attracting more than ordinary interest is that of a piece of property on lower Main street to George Benz & Son, of St. Paul. The price paid was \$30,000, and it is the intention of the purchasers to build at an early day a large, fine, six-story building to be used by them for a wholesale liquor house. The plans have already been drawn, and the building, when completed, will be a credit to the city. The ground selected is opposite the Steamboat block. The firm has similar establishments to the one contemplated in both Chicago and St. Paul. The property owned by A. J. Davidson on Main street, now occupied by the Bee Hive, has been sold to Denver parties for the sum of \$35,000. The purchasers intend erecting a fine block on the site in the spring. The dwelling house and lot of Moses Morris on Breckenridge street has been sold for a round sum.

Besides these numerous smaller transactions have taken place, and, altogether the real estate business was never in a better condition than at present. All dealers feel buoyant and confident, and well they may, knowing as they do, the excellent quality of the property offered. It is only necessary for capitalists to be shown the immediate and prospective value of property in this city to induce them to invest. No property is so remunerative to the holder as real estate in a live, growing city. It grows in value with the growth of the city, and where improvements are made the returns are sufficient to give handsome returns in the way of interest for the money invested.

BORN.

WOODS—Saturday, Dec. 21, to the wife of Thos. P. Woods, a daughter.

On Broadway

For the next 30 Days I will sell all my **BOOTS & SHOES** at Greatly Reduced Prices. Below are a few Sample Prices:
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An immense dam across the Missouri opposite North Great Falls will be completed by September next, at an approximate cost of \$500,000, giving in its construction employment for a large number of men, and rendering available an immense water power.

The workshops of the Boston and Montana Company, to be built during the coming season, will give employment to a small army of men and be the cause of an expenditure approaching a million dollars. To complete the dam and the workshops by the time contemplated will necessitate covering the ground with workmen from the beginning of February next for the balance of the season of 1890. Desirable Residence Lots for sale at \$100, \$200 and \$300. Business Lots at \$350. Terms: One Half down, balance one and two years.

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